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In re application of:

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GLUTAMIC ACID THROUGH  
TRANSITIONAL  
RECRYSTALLIZATION

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to taking up this new patent application for action on the merits, please amend the application as follows.